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**PETITION FROM REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby Petition From Requirement For Restriction under 37 C.F.R. §1.144. The Examiner has indicated that the restriction with respect to claims 31-35 is final in the present application after Applicants argued previously for the examination of these claims.

Applicants note that claims 31-35 depend from claim 1. It is believed sincerely that the examination of these claims follows directly from the examination of claim 1. Therefore, Applicants do not believe that any additional effort would be required to examine these claims along with claim 1. According to MPEP §803, a restriction is only proper when the examination of the additional claims would impose a serious burden. In this case, little additional effort would be required. Thus, Applicants do not believe that the restriction of claims 31-35 from claim 1 is proper.

Applicants respectfully request examination of claims 31-35 along with the other pending claims in the case.

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